

APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES PATENT
DECLARATION

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I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: PLUGGED HONEYCOMB STRUCTURE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

described and claimed in the specification:

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b. ☐ filed on _____ as Application No. _____ and amended on _____ (if applicable).
c. ☒ described and claimed in PCT International Application No. PCT/JP03/15797 filed on Dec. 10, 2003 and as amended under PCT Article 19/34 on _____ (if any).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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